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Dear Mr. Hagan:

Attached please find a copy of Mr. Lubar's cable to our New York office concerning the Spandau story for TIME. Mr. Lubar has asked me to send one copy to you for your information.

Yours sincerely

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Far from bustle of central Berlin, in grubby lower middle class suburb of Spandau, stands rust red Victorian version of feudal castle. Its fifteen acres of grounds are surrounded by stout brick heptagonal wall, and around wall stretch two wire fences, inner one charged with high tension current, outer one sharply barbed. At intervals around fences are signs in English and German redding "Warning. Do not approach this fence. Guards have orders to shoot."

Rust red castle was built in 1869 to house delinquent soldiers of Prussian Armys Berlin-Spandau garrison. After 1918 defeat army no longer needed it, and it became ordinary penitentiary. In 1939 Nazis converted it into induction and interrogation centers for Berliners destined go to concentration camps. Now Spandau is penal institution such as world has never known before. It houses only seven inmates. Their names are names of men who once wielded power over most of Europe. Now they are faceless convicts B/a 5

Baldur von Schirach, 40, was leader-hero of German youth, B/a 5

Karl Doenitz, 60, once commander of German navy B/a 5

Baron Constantine von Neurath, 73, once proconsul of Czechoslovakia, B/a 5

Ex-Admiral Erich Raeder, 73, Albert Speer, 46, B/a 5 Hitlers production genius, Walter Funk, 59, B/a 5 who ruled Hitlers banking system, Rudolf Hess, B/a 5 55, once closest to Fuehrer, B/a 5

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Five years ago this week these seven stood in prisoners dock at Nuremberg and heard themselves sentenced for crimes against inhumanity. Hess, Funk, Raeder got life, Shirach, Speer 20 years, Neurath 15, Doenitz 10. While worlds eyes were focussed on hanging of their more infamous colleagues they were quietly clapped into Nuremberg jail. On June 18, 1947, they were secretly flown to Berlin and Spandaus heavy iron doors closed behind them.

Spandau lies in British sector of West Berlin but its fifteen acres are international soil, governed by four great powers that tried and sentenced its inmates. Prison is one of three places in Germany in which Big Four representatives still meet together. (The others: air safety bureau, and informal committee on Berlin transport questions). Effective running of Spandau is marvel of daytoday cooperation between men whose countries are otherwise hardly on speaking terms.

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